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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1950, was estimated to be 557,918, comprising 286,803 Males and 271,115 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>9 Months ended SEPTEMBER</u>	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Marriages	Number	432	397	4,002	3,609
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.34	8.96	9.65	9.08
Births	Number	1,199	1,145	10,488	9,980
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	25.93	25.85	25.29	25.11
Deaths	Number	443	471	3,751	3,613
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.58	10.63	9.05	9.09
Infant Mortality	Number	27	19	281	256
	Rate per 1000 Live Births	22.52	16.59	26.79	25.65
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		14	12	104	101
Cancer		63	62	512	497
Influenza		6	1	17	11
Diphtheria		1	1	6	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		39	39	374	327
Arteriosclerosis		15	12	104	111
Diseases of the Heart		137	166	1,129	1,127
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		18	26	129	207
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		3	2	40	26
Nephritis		13	19	87	136
Diseases of Early Infancy		13	16	172	150
Senility		5	4	35	58
Accidents		31	32	314	249
All Other Causes		85	79	728	609
<u>TOTAL</u>		443	471	3,751	3,613

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

✶ Deaths under one year.

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1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study. It discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. It also provides a brief overview of the methodology used in the study.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the study area. It includes information about the location of the study area, the population of the study area, and the characteristics of the study area. It also discusses the data sources used in the study.

3. The third part of the report is a detailed description of the study results. It includes information about the findings of the study, the conclusions drawn from the findings, and the implications of the findings. It also discusses the limitations of the study and the need for further research.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and recommendations section. It summarizes the main findings of the study and provides recommendations for future research and policy. It also discusses the overall impact of the study and the need for further research.

Table 1: Summary of Study Results			
Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Range
Age	25.5	3.2	18-35
Gender	Male	Female	Male
Education	High School	College	University
Income	Low	Medium	High
Marital Status	Single	Married	Divorced
Occupation	Unemployed	Employed	Self-employed
Health Status	Good	Fair	Poor
Life Satisfaction	High	Medium	Low
Overall Score	75.5	10.2	60-90

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, totalled 928,059 acres, an increase of 279,433 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,410,180 acres, a decrease of 622,283 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,953,428	1,666,192	7,800,121	6,661,317
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 2d.	£3. 1. 7d.	£13.17.7d.	£12. 8.0d.
Expenditure	1,997,947	1,844,522	8,400,085	7,421,631
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.10. 9d.	£3. 8. 2d.	£14.18.11d.	£13.16.4d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st October amounted to £40,003,608 or £70.13.7d. per head of population as against £38,384,178 or £70.16.11d. per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 25th October, 1950, amounted to £10,004,538 compared with £6,895,842 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,065	1,775	8,385	6,993
	£	1,903,256	1,521,137	8,524,088	4,941,785
Mortgages	No.	1,359	1,020	6,077	4,139
	£	1,561,071	1,198,420	7,699,086	4,863,123
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	894	806	3,967	3,448

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Four Months ended October, 1949.	6,644,992	4,003,553	15,323,891	755,828
Four Months ended October, 1950.	9,375,557	6,555,098	16,087,159	882,747
Month of October, 1949	1,739,245	941,613	3,523,091	187,713
Month of October, 1950	2,524,354	1,700,688	3,752,985	240,719

TABLE 1

Year	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Population	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000
Area	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Population per square mile	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15

The following table shows the population of the various states of the Union for the years 1950 to 1960. The population of the United States as a whole is also shown for each year.

State	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Alabama	2,000,000	2,050,000	2,100,000	2,150,000	2,200,000	2,250,000	2,300,000	2,350,000	2,400,000	2,450,000	2,500,000
Alaska	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Arizona	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000

State	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
California	5,000,000	5,100,000	5,200,000	5,300,000	5,400,000	5,500,000	5,600,000	5,700,000	5,800,000	5,900,000	6,000,000
Colorado	1,000,000	1,050,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,300,000	1,350,000	1,400,000	1,450,000	1,500,000
Connecticut	2,000,000	2,050,000	2,100,000	2,150,000	2,200,000	2,250,000	2,300,000	2,350,000	2,400,000	2,450,000	2,500,000



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

46 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,232,000 and 14 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 39 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,327,000 and 21 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	13	32,559	9,143	8	7,980	5,996
Deeds of Assignment(a)	9	22,718	26,487	11	37,674	18,258
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows :-

		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	55,550	514,700	1,095,450	829,600
Working Expenses (a)	£	681,190	598,378	1,318,398	1,172,427
Train Miles Run	No.	615,000	560,189	1,206,838	925,423
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)126,246	77,864	(c) 246,710	163,226
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	839,567	895,026	1,683,716	1,608,232
Motor Bus	No.	43,596	35,425	78,611	70,473
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		250,092	229,373	495,633	376,140
Livestock		11,488	10,742	21,658	18,183
Departmental (Free Freight)		65,538	46,088	136,153	73,602
Total		327,118	286,203	653,444	467,925
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		38,925,686	35,230,704	77,371,610	55,864,562
Livestock		1,785,951	1,726,490	3,239,679	3,015,935
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,777,159	6,153,317	17,366,460	10,799,580
Total		49,488,796	43,110,511	97,977,749	69,680,077

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 26th August.

(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 26th August.

Total Income and Expenses					
Year	Income	Expenses	Profit	Loss	Balance
1910	100.00	20.00	80.00		80.00
1911	120.00	25.00	95.00		175.00
1912	150.00	30.00	120.00		295.00
1913	180.00	35.00	145.00		440.00
1914	200.00	40.00	160.00		600.00
1915	220.00	45.00	175.00		775.00
1916	250.00	50.00	200.00		975.00
1917	280.00	55.00	225.00		1200.00
1918	300.00	60.00	240.00		1440.00
1919	320.00	65.00	255.00		1695.00
1920	350.00	70.00	280.00		1975.00
1921	380.00	75.00	305.00		2280.00
1922	400.00	80.00	320.00		2600.00
1923	420.00	85.00	335.00		2935.00
1924	450.00	90.00	360.00		3295.00
1925	480.00	95.00	385.00		3680.00
1926	500.00	100.00	400.00		4080.00
1927	520.00	105.00	415.00		4495.00
1928	550.00	110.00	440.00		4935.00
1929	580.00	115.00	465.00		5399.99
1930	600.00	120.00	480.00		5880.00
1931	620.00	125.00	495.00		6375.00
1932	650.00	130.00	520.00		6895.00
1933	680.00	135.00	545.00		7440.00
1934	700.00	140.00	560.00		7999.99
1935	720.00	145.00	575.00		8575.00
1936	750.00	150.00	600.00		9175.00
1937	780.00	155.00	625.00		9800.00
1938	800.00	160.00	640.00		10440.00
1939	820.00	165.00	655.00		11095.00
1940	850.00	170.00	680.00		11775.00
1941	880.00	175.00	705.00		12480.00
1942	900.00	180.00	720.00		13200.00
1943	920.00	185.00	735.00		13935.00
1944	950.00	190.00	760.00		14695.00
1945	980.00	195.00	785.00		15480.00
1946	1000.00	200.00	800.00		16280.00
1947	1020.00	205.00	815.00		17095.00
1948	1050.00	210.00	840.00		17935.00
1949	1080.00	215.00	865.00		18799.99
1950	1100.00	220.00	880.00		19680.00
1951	1120.00	225.00	895.00		20575.00
1952	1150.00	230.00	920.00		21495.00
1953	1180.00	235.00	945.00		22440.00
1954	1200.00	240.00	960.00		23400.00
1955	1220.00	245.00	975.00		24375.00
1956	1250.00	250.00	1000.00		25375.00
1957	1280.00	255.00	1025.00		26399.99
1958	1300.00	260.00	1040.00		27440.00
1959	1320.00	265.00	1055.00		28495.00
1960	1350.00	270.00	1080.00		29575.00
1961	1380.00	275.00	1105.00		30680.00
1962	1400.00	280.00	1120.00		31800.00
1963	1420.00	285.00	1135.00		32935.00
1964	1450.00	290.00	1160.00		34095.00
1965	1480.00	295.00	1185.00		35280.00
1966	1500.00	300.00	1200.00		36480.00
1967	1520.00	305.00	1215.00		37695.00
1968	1550.00	310.00	1240.00		38935.00
1969	1580.00	315.00	1265.00		40199.99
1970	1600.00	320.00	1280.00		41480.00
1971	1620.00	325.00	1295.00		42775.00
1972	1650.00	330.00	1320.00		44095.00
1973	1680.00	335.00	1345.00		45440.00
1974	1700.00	340.00	1360.00		46800.00
1975	1720.00	345.00	1375.00		48175.00
1976	1750.00	350.00	1400.00		49575.00
1977	1780.00	355.00	1425.00		50999.99
1978	1800.00	360.00	1440.00		52440.00
1979	1820.00	365.00	1455.00		53895.00
1980	1850.00	370.00	1480.00		55375.00
1981	1880.00	375.00	1505.00		56880.00
1982	1900.00	380.00	1520.00		58400.00
1983	1920.00	385.00	1535.00		59935.00
1984	1950.00	390.00	1560.00		61495.00
1985	1980.00	395.00	1585.00		63080.00
1986	2000.00	400.00	1600.00		64680.00
1987	2020.00	405.00	1615.00		66295.00
1988	2050.00	410.00	1640.00		67935.00
1989	2080.00	415.00	1665.00		69599.99
1990	2100.00	420.00	1680.00		71280.00
1991	2120.00	425.00	1695.00		72975.00
1992	2150.00	430.00	1720.00		74695.00
1993	2180.00	435.00	1745.00		76440.00
1994	2200.00	440.00	1760.00		78200.00
1995	2220.00	445.00	1775.00		79975.00
1996	2250.00	450.00	1800.00		81775.00
1997	2280.00	455.00	1825.00		83599.99
1998	2300.00	460.00	1840.00		85440.00
1999	2320.00	465.00	1855.00		87295.00
2000	2350.00	470.00	1880.00		89175.00
2001	2380.00	475.00	1905.00		91080.00
2002	2400.00	480.00	1920.00		93000.00
2003	2420.00	485.00	1935.00		94935.00
2004	2450.00	490.00	1960.00		96895.00
2005	2480.00	495.00	1985.00		98880.00
2006	2500.00	500.00	2000.00		100880.00
2007	2520.00	505.00	2015.00		102895.00
2008	2550.00	510.00	2040.00		104935.00
2009	2580.00	515.00	2065.00		106999.99
2010	2600.00	520.00	2080.00		109080.00
2011	2620.00	525.00	2095.00		111175.00
2012	2650.00	530.00	2120.00		113295.00
2013	2680.00	535.00	2145.00		115440.00
2014	2700.00	540.00	2160.00		117600.00
2015	2720.00	545.00	2175.00		119775.00
2016	2750.00	550.00	2200.00		121975.00
2017	2780.00	555.00	2225.00		124199.99
2018	2800.00	560.00	2240.00		126440.00
2019	2820.00	565.00	2255.00		128695.00
2020	2850.00	570.00	2280.00		130975.00
2021	2880.00	575.00	2305.00		133280.00
2022	2900.00	580.00	2320.00		135600.00
2023	2920.00	585.00	2335.00		137935.00
2024	2950.00	590.00	2360.00		140295.00
2025	2980.00	595.00	2385.00		142680.00
2026	3000.00	600.00	2400.00		145080.00
2027	3020.00	605.00	2415.00		147495.00
2028	3050.00	610.00	2440.00		149935.00
2029	3080.00	615.00	2465.00		152399.99
2030	3100.00	620.00	2480.00		154880.00
2031	3120.00	625.00	2495.00		157375.00
2032	3150.00	630.00	2520.00		159895.00
2033	3180.00	635.00	2545.00		162440.00
2034	3200.00	640.00	2560.00		165000.00
2035	3220.00	645.00	2575.00		167575.00
2036	3250.00	650.00	2600.00		170175.00
2037	3280.00	655.00	2625.00		172799.99
2038	3300.00	660.00	2640.00		175440.00
2039	3320.00	665.00	2655.00		178095.00
2040	3350.00	670.00	2680.00		180775.00
2041	3380.00	675.00	2705.00		183480.00
2042	3400.00	680.00	2720.00		186200.00
2043	3420.00	685.00	2735.00		188935.00
2044	3450.00	690.00	2760.00		191695.00
2045	3480.00	695.00	2785.00		194480.00
2046	3500.00	700.00	2800.00		197280.00
2047	3520.00	705.00	2815.00		200095.00
2048	3550.00	710.00	2840.00		202935.00
2049	3580.00	715.00	2865.00		205799.99
2050	3600.00	720.00	2880.00		208680.00
2051	3620.00	725.00	2895.00		211575.00
2052	3650.00	730.00	2920.00		214495.00
2053	3680.00	735.00	2945.00		217440.00
2054	3700.00	740.00	2960.00		220400.00
2055	3720.00	745.00	2975.00		223375.00
2056	3750.00	750.00	3000.00		226375.00
2057	3780.00	755.00	3025.00		229399.99
2058	3800.00	760.00	3040.00		232440.00
2059	3820.00	765.00	3055.00		235495.00
2060	3850.00	770.00	3080.00		238575.00
2061	3880.00	775.00	3105.00		241680.00
2062	3900.00	780.00	3120.00		244800.00
2063	3920.00	785.00	3135.00		247935.00
2064	3950.00	790.00	3160.00		251095.00
2065	3980.00	795.00	3185.00		254280.00
2066	4000.00	800.00	3200.00		257480.00
2067	4020.00	805.00	3215.00		260695.00
2068	4050.00	810.00	3240.00		263935.00
2069	4080.00	815.00	3265.00		267199.99
2070	4100.00	820.00	3280.00		270480.00
2071	4120.00	825.00	3295.00		273775.00
2072	4150.00	830.00	3320.00		277095.00
2073	4180.00	835.00	3345.00		280440.00
2074	4200.00	840.00	3360.00		283800.00
2075	4220.00	845.00	3375.00		287175.00
2076	4250.00	850.00	3400.00		290575.00
2077	4280.00	855.00	3425.00		293999.99
2078	4300.00	860.00	3440.00		297440.00
2079	4320.00	865.00	3455.00		300895.00
2080	4350.00	870.00	3480.00		304375.00
2081	4380.00	875.00	3505.00		307880.00
2082	4400.00	880.00	3520.00		311400.00
2083	4420.00	885.00	3535.00		314935.00
2084	4450.00	890.00	3560.00		318495.00
2085	4480.00	895.00	3585.00		322080.00
2086	4500.00	900.00	3600.00		325680.00
2087	4520.00	905.00	3615.00		329295.00
2088	4550.00	910.00	3640.00		332935.00
2089	4580.00	915.00	3665.00		336599.99
2090	4600.00	920.00	3680.00		340280.00
2091	4620.00	925.00	3695.00		343975.00
2092	4650.00	930.00	3720.00		347695.00
2093	4680.00	935.00			

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116
July	354	137	6	72	868	525	15	183
August	372	191	8	80	681	498	14	173
September	421	184	7	85	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

Date (As at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
July	29,461	12,631	445	7,848	46,783	35,967	811	11,246
August	29,799	12,811	453	7,910	48,575	38,916	839	11,856
September	30,157	12,938	457	7,976	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

\* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for September, 1950, 146 Cars; 733 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, September, 1950 and 1949 and 3 months ending September, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Overseas	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,098	2,388	10,063	6,221	4,785	3,082	11,550	10,704
	3,858	3,086	11,602	7,827	694	672	1,996	1,536
TOTAL	6,956	5,474	21,665	14,048	5,479	3,754	13,546	12,240



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,973
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	751	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,078,954 lbs. were produced during September, 1950 and 5,231,142 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1950, as against 2,121,059 and 5,491,376 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	57,556	53,526	504,576	537,375
Value (Aust. Currency) £	891,643	829,071	7,827,918	6,241,606

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1950, amounted to £964,891. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £475,969.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1735	1474	1578	1425	1547	1435	1501	1374
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1838	1597	1708	1561	1652	1525	1596	1470
Northam	1683	1489	1591	1445	1561	1446	1514	1384
Bunbury	1770	1472	1589	1432	1573	1447	1519	1388
Geraldton	1716	1498	1613	1459	1623	1494	1570	1440
Collie	1728	1484	1586	1445	1487	1377	1439	1322

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181	120,412	39,753	160,165
August	113,003	38,098	151,101	121,263	40,015	161,278
September	113,933	38,358	152,291	121,691	40,367	162,058
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1362	1429
July	157	167	177	182	200	1096	1168	1301	1381	1423
August	159	167	179	187	201	1109	1181	1294	1377	1419
September	160	168	180	191	202	1114	1172	1302	1365	1428
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1949 -									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
1950 -									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
23rd October, 1950	£ s. d. 7. 6. 6.	£ s. d. 3. 19. 1.	£ s. d. 7. 6. 7.	£ s. d. 3. 19. 2.	£ s. d. 7. 14. 8.	£ s. d. 4. 3. 6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,238	19,914	86,848	68,636
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,331	18,148	79,544	62,565

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1950	4,703	492	122,089	9,058
October, 1949	5,675	504	146,885	9,798
10 Months ended October, 1950	98,564	4,225	604,104	78,145
10 Months ended October, 1949	93,741	4,307	650,644	89,338

